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October 10, 2018

Robert Meyers
Chairman
Shelby County Election Commission
157 Poplar Ave., Suite 137
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Chairman Meyers:

As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, which is tasked with oversight of the Voting Rights Act, I read with concern the Shelby County Election Commission's recent assertion that 55 percent of the voter registration applications it has received are invalid.¹

According to the Commission, a large share of the nearly 30,000 applications are duplicates of already-registered voters, incomplete applications and applications from felons who can't vote or are otherwise unable to be processed.²

I am eager to know what the Commission is doing to ensure that federal law is being followed and that all eligible citizens' voting rights are being protected. In particular,

- What is the Commission doing to ensure that all applications are processed before early voting begins on October 17, 2018?
- What is the Commission doing, if anything, to inform eligible citizens, whose applications are incomplete, what is required for them to complete their applications?
- What is the Commission doing, if anything, to inform felons who have filed applications to vote, and who are eligible to have their voting rights restored, what is required for them restore their voting rights and complete an application to vote?

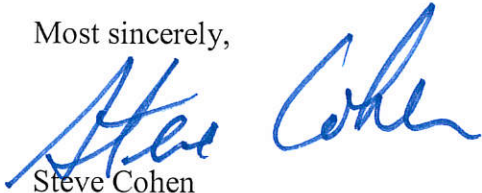
¹ <https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/2018/10/09/shelby-county-sees-sharp-rise-voter-registration-form-submissions-but-many-invalid/1534796002/>

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Thank you for your assistance.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Cohen" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

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